

America the Beautiful Interagency Volunteer Pass

What is it?

This annual pass provides you entrance to all federal fee areas, such as national wildlife refuges and national parks. It covers the pass holder and the occupants in their private vehicle or up to 4 adults.

Who is it for?

Volunteers who have contributed significant efforts and time to federal agencies.

What details do I need to know?

- Volunteers who accrue 250 hours of volunteer service are eligible within certain guidelines.
- Volunteers who already possess a lifetime Senior or Access pass do not receive additional annual passes.
- The passes are non-transferable.
- Volunteers can receive one pass per 12 month period.
- Once the 250 hour requirement is reached and a pass is issued, the volunteer's hour count resets to zero. There is no roll-over of extra hours from previous years.
- Volunteers may accrue hours at more than one site if within the Fish and Wildlife Service; National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Reclamation.
- Volunteer hours must be from direct service to the refuge (or other agency)—some Friends group activities are not eligible because they are not supervised by the Fish and Wildlife Service (e.g., fundraising, advocacy, Friends business management, Friends-specific activities.)
- You can learn more about passes at www.recreation.gov.

How do I get one?

- Keep track of your volunteer hours on a volunteer hours worksheet, and when you accrue 250, let Kim Strassburg know you are interested. She will complete the order request, get your pass on its way, and issue it to you.
- Refuge staff are happy to check your accumulated hours from a specific date. However, we are unable to track everyone's hours individually and notify you when you are eligible. But remember, if you do not fill out rover reports, fill out your volunteer timesheets, sign in when working at the Wildlife Center, etc, we don't know you have contributed.
- The refuge collects volunteer hours in many ways such as completed rover reports, Wildlife Center check-in sheets; special event check-in and volunteer naturalist programs. But many of you do additional work where you are not required to "check-in." For those of you with multiple volunteer assignments, you may want to ask your supervisor for a monthly time log. It is an easy way to log your contribution and you can hand us a copy at the end of the month. Be sure to keep a copy for yourself to track your total contribution.

Questions?

Call or email Kim_strassburg@fws.gov ; 503-625-5944 x228.